

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes _____
no _____

Property Name: Nelson McCann House/Moody House Inventory Number: HA-1633
Address: 3266 Dublin Road (MD 440) Historic district: yes ☒ no ☐
City: Dublin Zip Code: 21154 County: Harford
USGS Quadrangle(s): Delta
Property Owner: Darlington Volunteer Fire Company Tax Account ID Number: 05-027977
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 27 Tax Map Number: 19
Project: MD 136 at MD 440 - Moody Store Site Remediation Agency: State Highway Administration
Agency Prepared By: State Highway Administration
Preparer's Name: Melissa Blair Date Prepared: 04/16/2007
Documentation is presented in: _____
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: X Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended _____
Criteria: A B ☒ C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes
Be visited by MHT Staff yes ☒ no ☐ Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Constructed circa 1900, the Nelson McCann House/Moody House is a two-and-one-half-story, Queen Anne-style residence located in the rural community of Dublin in northwest Harford County. Several generations of general store owners lived in the house until recent years. Nelson McCann is believed to have built the house, as well as a general store once located on an adjacent property. The store, known as the Moody Store (HA-512), was determined not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in on August 10, 1992 and was subsequently demolished. The McCann family lived in the house until the 1970s, when both the house and store were sold to the Moody family. The Darlington Volunteer Fire Company now owns the house, which is currently unoccupied.

The house has a side-facing T plan that is two units wide and three units deep. The cross gable roof is covered with flush slate shingles. There is one exterior brick chimney located on an eave wall on the north elevation. The building is sided with narrow clapboard and sits on a stone foundation.

The asymmetrical front façade (south elevation) features a fully-engaged, shed-roof porch. Turned porch supports with decorative brackets and a spindlework frieze supports the porch roof, and a cement foundation supports the wooden porch floor. The porch

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roof is covered in asphalt and features a secondary gable centered above the principle entrance. The entrance consists of a paneled wood door topped with a transom and shielded with an aluminum screen door. The door knobs and plates are brass with engraved ornament and there is a brass knocker engraved with the Moody family name. Fenestration consists of one-over-one, double-hung, wood-sash windows, including a three-part window on the first story, a paired window on the second story, and an attic light. Windows on this façade most likely had louvered wood shutters, but they have been removed. The front-facing gable has cornice returns and is textured with sawn, fancy butt, wood shingles.

Fenestration on the west elevation consists of one-over-one, double-hung, wood-sash windows. The windows on the first and second stories retain louvered wood shutters. The first story has a fixed sash window with a border of colored glass glazing. The gable on this elevation is similar to the front gable, with fancy butt wood shingles, cornice returns, and a one-over-one attic light.

The rear elevation (north) has a secondary entrance located in what may have been a porch, but that is now a one-story enclosure that is sided with aluminum and supported by a cement block foundation. Windows on this elevation consist of one-over-one, double-hung, wood sashes and a small casement window on the first story. The gable has cornice returns and an attic light, but no decorative shingles.

The east elevation features a one-story, polygonal, bay-window with a cornice composed of seven ornamented brackets with carved molding between them and capped by a hipped roof. Fenestration consists of paired and single one-over-one, double-hung, wood sash windows. This elevation has a gable similar to those on the south and west elevations.

Four rooms form the main block of the building. The front entrance opens into an elegant hall with Eastlake detailing. A large staircase provides the sole means of egress from the first floor of the house to the bedrooms on the second floor. The staircase rises to a landing, turned and continues to the second floor. The railing is composed of large newel posts with carved panels and turned balusters. The window with multiple panes of colored glass is set in the west exterior wall above the stairway landing. At sunset, rich colored light fills the hall with shades of purple, amber, green, and blue. The north interior wall of the hall is paneled with varnished wood, possibly oak. There is a built-in, paneled, hall bench with a plank seat located at the foot of the stairs. There are hardwood floors throughout the first and second floor.

From the hall, French doors open into a front parlor. The parlor features an ornamented fireplace. Situated on the room's north interior wall, the fireplace has a tall wood mantel with columns flanking the firebox and a rectangular mirror above. The hearth is set with white and green ceramic tiles surrounding the firebox. Woodwork in the parlor is varnished. Windows in this room are the bay-window on the east elevation and the three-part window on the south elevation.

The dining room can be accessed either through a wood paneled archway from the front hall or through a doorway from the front parlor. The woodwork in this room is all original, but unlike the front two rooms, it has been painted. A door in the north wall leads to a small bathroom that was added to an area that may be an enclosed porch. A second doorway leads to the kitchen, which has been modernized and is now in disrepair due to a major leak in the ceiling.

The second floor has three bedrooms, all featuring original trim, doors, hardware, and light fixtures. There is a full bathroom with original plumbing fixtures. A small hallway on the second floor provides access to the bedrooms, as well as to a steep, narrow staircase that leads to the attic, which is unfinished. The attic has a truncated brick chimney stack that once pierced the cross gable roof.

The house sits on a 0.83 acre lot. The grounds contain mature coniferous and deciduous trees and various shrubs. A privet hedge (*ligustrum vulgare* genus) follows the boundaries of the property to the east, south, west, and north. On the south side, the hedge is

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broken for a dirt driveway, the entrance of which is flanked by short stone pillars. There is no formal design to the landscaping; however the vegetation does provide shade and privacy to the property. A cement block garage is located north of the residence, as is a deteriorated concrete swimming pool.

The Nelson McCann House/Moody Store retains its historic integrity. The property maintains its historic location on the north side of Dublin Road. While the setting of the nearby intersection has been compromised by the removal of several historic buildings, the property's more immediate setting retains integrity due to the mature vegetation in the yard and the surrounding hedge that provides screening from the modernized MD 136/MD 440 intersection. The property's design is intact, including the form, fenestration pattern, and decorative design features such as the spindlework porch, the bay window, and the decorative wall cladding. The only alterations to the design are the rear aluminum-sided enclosure, which is small in scale and does not detract from the overall form, and the loss of a few louvered shutters and the central brick chimney. Alteration of the building's historic materials include the removal of the original porch roof covering, but the majority of the historic materials remain, including original windows and doors, clapboard, and the slate on the main roof. Examples of late nineteenth-century workmanship are evident in elements such as the clapboarding, the flush slate roof shingles, and the decorative detailing, including spindlework, sawn shingles, and the Eastlake interior detailing. The property conveys the feeling of a late Victorian-era single family dwelling located in a rural crossroads community. The property retains its association with the residential growth of Dublin; however, its association with the community's commercial history is diminished due to the loss of the Moody Store.

The Nelson McCann House is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The property is not eligible under Criterion A. While the property was associated the residential growth of Dublin, this trend does not constitute a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history. The property is not eligible under Criterion B. The activities of the former owners of the property are not demonstrably important within a local, state, or national context. The property is eligible under Criterion C, as it embodies the distinctive characteristics of the Queen Anne style and is a particularly fine example for its rural locale. Though it is a common architectural form found throughout the vicinity, the house is architecturally significance due to the unique detail and the high level of integrity of design, materials, and workmanship. The property was not evaluated under Criterion D.

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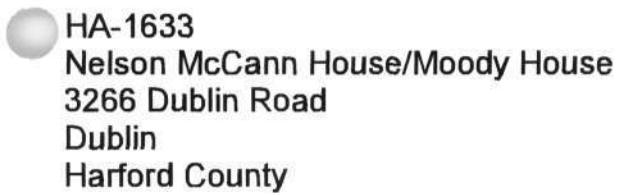
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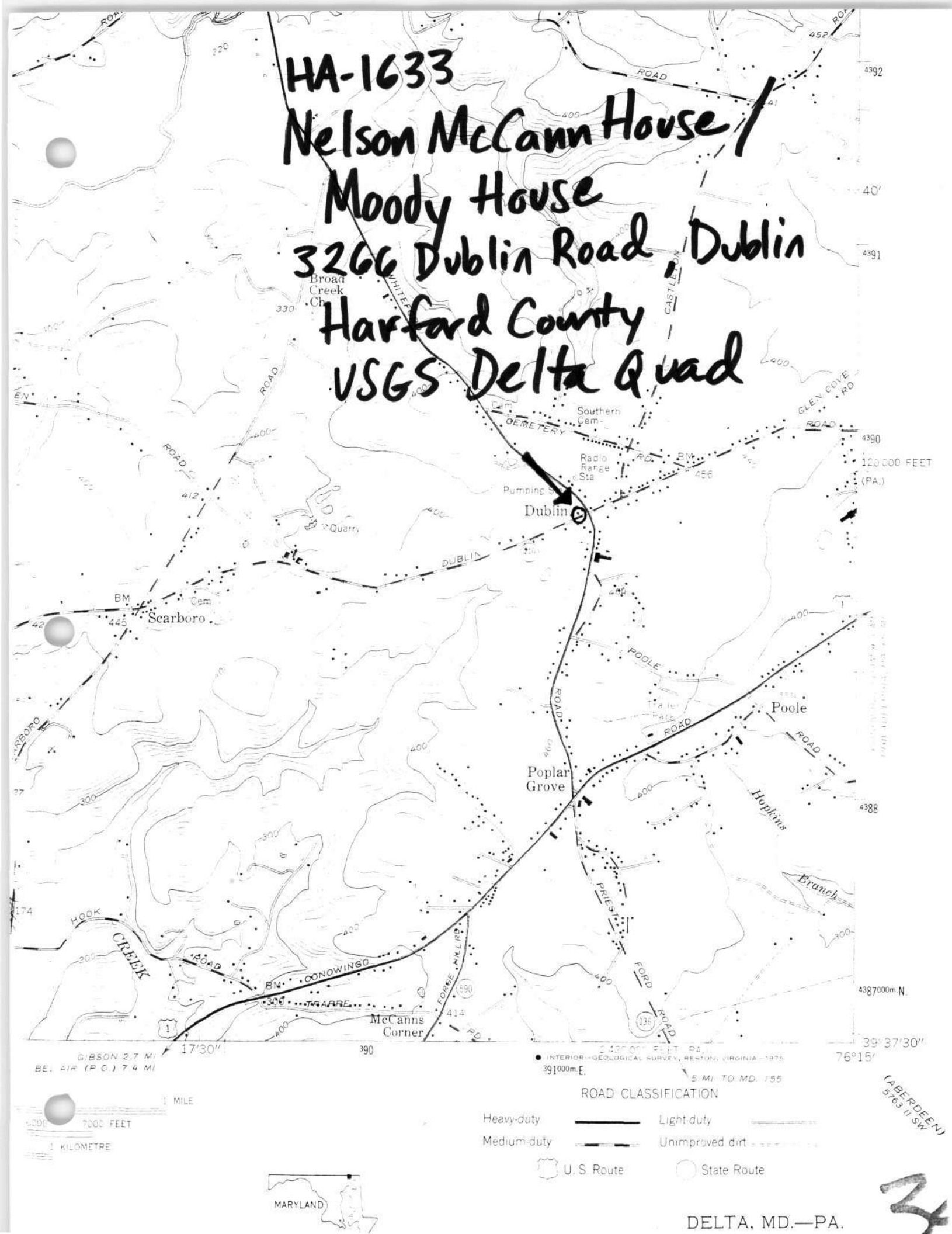
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South and East Elevations, View North

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South Elevation detail

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Front Entrance, View North

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Front Porch View towards East Side yard

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Front Porch Detail

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East Side yard, View East towards MD136

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West Elevation, View East

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Garage, View West

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Front Entrance Pillars located on Dublin Road

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Front Door from Interior Front Hall

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Interior- Hall Bench

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Interior - Front Hall Passage way to Rear Rooms

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Interior - View from Front Hall to Parlor

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Interior - Parlor Fireplace

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Interior- Dining Room View toward Kitchen

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Interior - Kitchen Showing Damaged Ceiling

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Interior - Southeast Bedroom View towards Hall

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Interior - 2nd Story Bathroom

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